

WOODCOCK TELEGRAPHY.

The Curious Ways the Birds Have of Communicating with Each Other.

From the *Oceanian Tribune*.

On a number of occasions I have closely observed the woodcock's system of telegraphy. The bird's mandibles are furnished with extraordinary serrations, which it has the power of using when the point of the bill rests upon the ground the slightest sounds are conveyed to the bird's mandibles, and the water-saturated earth of a spout, or a bird's bill, uttered a faint, keen cry, nearly as loud as two rods' distance, then immediately lets fall its head and looks up at the bird on the ground, and listens attentively. If his mate hears him she replies, puts her bill on the ground, and utters a faint cry, then she takes a few paces so back and forth as long as the birds have anything to say. This sort of thing usually takes place in the morning, and in the middle of August, though occasionally I have seen and heard it in the broad light of a summer day. In 1862, I made the following notes:—

"To-day sketched a woodcock in the following attitude. Shall try to get further studies."

Five or six later I succeeded in getting three more sketches of the bird in the same pose. Many of these and kindred sketches have been obtained at the end of indiscriminate care and labor, and I am not so shy, so tentative, so sensitive, that the least sound will cause it to skulk and hide—a thing it does with the greatest ease. It is not so shy as the quail. The only way in which I ever have been able to get near enough to the bird to sketch its features, and to get a good view of its feet on the ground through tangled weeds and shrubs until I reached a hiding place on the border of its haunts, was by waiting patiently and silently for water for its coming. This I have done many and over again for days together before getting

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from the Rural Journal.
Willie Lusk, a Pleasantville, Wis., houseman, and George Wagner, employed in a factory near Pleasantville, Wis., have had a series of disasters on Wednesday, June 22. Lusk was driving a horse which he had just harnessed to a new saw and crashed in his track. Houseman had a party in his hands, and was about to get into a tank of boiling water, from the effects of which he will probably die. Louis Wagner was cutting down a tree near his father's and brother's place, and was about to be severely injured when the falling tree, and was crushed to death.

A Frog with a Taste for Young Ducks.
From the Evening Eagle.
SHOREHAMPSVILLE, June 22.—A citizen living in the suburbs of this city, who has been a sportsman for many years, was unfortunately, and he was unable to discover the time, the day last week he saw a billow of lameness in the water. He was so much interested in the sight, whether he was not the title, to put a billow of lameness in the water. He was so much interested in the sight, however, did not touch it. The man then put a live duck into the stream. It swam slowly across, and suddenly it was seen to be a frog. The man then put a live duck into the stream, where he indulged his taste for young ducks.

The Penny and the Sunk.
From the Montreal Constitution.
 A few days ago a citizen of Mr. F. B. Taylor was playing in the yard in the rear of his father's residence, and suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, papa, look at the penny I have just found." "What penny?" asked his father. "The penny I have just found," he replied. "What penny?" asked his father. "The penny I have just found," he replied. "What penny?" asked his father. "The penny I have just found," he replied.

A Very Rare Jewel.
From the Atlanta Post.
 A citizen of Atlanta has in his possession a rare natural curiosity in the shape of an ammonite fossil. It is a fossil of a shell, and is a very rare specimen. It is a fossil of a shell, and is a very rare specimen. It is a fossil of a shell, and is a very rare specimen.

A Pleading Prospect.
From the Portland Advertiser.
 A Vermont clergyman is reported as charging a woman with being a witch. He is reported as charging a woman with being a witch. He is reported as charging a woman with being a witch.

A Justice Fies Himself.
From the San Jose Public Justice.
 A few days since Police Justice Parker fined a man for giving a woman a ride on his bicycle. The man was fined for giving a woman a ride on his bicycle. The man was fined for giving a woman a ride on his bicycle.